

# **Loudoun County Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council, Inc.**

## **Advanced Life Support Policy/Procedure #18**

### **Continuing Education/Refresher Training for Advanced Life Support Providers**

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**Revision: 04/02**

#### **1. PURPOSE**

- A. The purpose of this policy is to establish guidelines and educational requirements for continuation of local authorization for Loudoun County affiliated Advanced Life Support providers.
- B. To ensure a uniform educational program for all Loudoun County affiliated ALS providers.

#### **2. PARTICIPATION**

- A. All locally authorized Loudoun County ALS providers must attend and successfully complete Loudoun County EMS Advisory Council, Inc., continuing education/refresher training within their certification period to be eligible to maintain local authorization.
- B. Advanced Life Support providers who have attended an organized and Virginia OEMS approved Refresher Training program may request to be exempt from portions of the Loudoun County EMS Advisory Council, Inc., course. The request must be submitted in writing with documentation of the training and their Rescue Chief's approval (Loudoun) to the Advanced Life Support Committee. The ALS Committee will review the request and make a recommendation to the Operational Medical Director. If an exemption is approved, the ALS provider must attend the following class sessions in a Loudoun County EMS Advisory Council, Inc., course specific to their level of certification.
  - 1) Patient Assessment
  - 2) Pharmacology
  - 3) Cardiac Emergencies/Dysrhythmias
  - 4) Respiratory Emergencies
  - 5) Shock/Trauma
  - 6) Protocols and Policies/Procedures
  - 7) All basic and advanced life support skills used in Loudoun County
- C. All locally authorized Loudoun County ALS providers must successfully complete local authorization written and practical testing during their certification period.

**\*\* TO BE DONE ONLY ON ORDERS OF MEDICAL CONTROL PHYSICIAN**

- D. Remember that recertification and the maintenance of local authorization is the responsibility of the individual ALS provider.

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